

rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious in view of Consoli et al.

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application.

***The 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection***

Claim 4 stands rejected for allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has amended claim 4 to remove any ambiguity. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 112 is respectfully requested.

***The Prior Art Rejections***

Claims 1 through 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Consoli et al. Claims 14 through 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over Consoli et al.

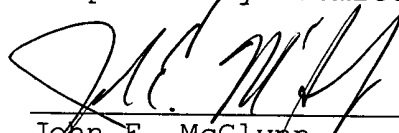
Applicant submits herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 swearing behind Consoli et al as provided for under MPEP § 715. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Consoli

et al. does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and requests withdrawal of the prior art rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-25 patentably define over the prior art of record. Reconsideration of the present Office Action and a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, below is a marked up copy of amended claim 4.

4.(amended)      An electrical connector assembly as recited in Claim 1, wherein an array of electrical contacts on said substrate corresponds electrically to [the] an array of ball type contact portions on said first connector half.